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Solidarity with Central America

Indonesia*: draft decision

The Conference of the Parties,

Concerned at the devastation caused by Hurricane Mitch that led to the tremendous loss of thousands of lives, of infrastructure and environmental degradation in Honduras, Nicaragua, Guatemala, El Salvador, Belize, Costa Rica and Panama,

Aware, of the high vulnerability of Central American and Caribbean countries to such climatic phenomena,

Concerned, that such natural phenomena worsen soil degradation, especially in the Central American and Caribbean subregions, which are the most vulnerable to these effects,

Recognizing that these unfortunate events give special urgency to our deliberations in this conference and oblige us to look for new opportunities for common cooperation actions,

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

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1. Expresses its strongest solidarity and deep condolences to the people and governments of Central America after this tragic event;

2. Invites the international community, including intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, to contribute to the reconstruction and support with humanitarian assistance and other cooperative actions.

3. Urges all governments, United Nations agencies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, the private sector and society in general, to offer them technical and financial assistance to the effective execution of the national action plans of the affected countries and subregional programmes for combating desertification;

4. Invites support for the Central American initiatives emanating from the Presidential Summit convened in San Salvador, El Salvador, in the aftermath of the catastrophes which call for a sustainable reconstruction plan for Central America.